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1. ZHELUDEV, DDG FOR OPERATIONS AT IAEA, INFORMALLY WROTE AMB. TAPE, US PERMREP TO IAEA, TO DESCRIBE STATUS OF IAEA EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (OCR) MACHINE FOR LOAN TO SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROMPT, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INPUT TO INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM (INIS) AT LOWEST PRACTICAL COST TO AGENCY. HE EXPLAINED THE NEED OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENCY FOR THE MACHINE AND STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT

THE OCR MACHINE (ECRM 5300 AUTOREADER) IS SUBJECT TO US EXPORT CONTROLS AND COCOM REVIEW. HE INQUIRED WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A PURCHASE BY THE AGENCY AND SUBSEQUENT LOAN TO THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US AUTHORITIES.

- 2. THE INIS PROGRAM, TO WHICH ZHELUDEV REFERRED, RECEIVES REPORTS OF NEW NUCLEAR LITERATURE FROM PARTICIPATING MEMBERS, PREPARES BIBLIOGRAPHIC INDEXES AND ASSIGNS KEYWORDS, AND MAKES THEM AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ON COMPUTER TAPES OR MICROFICHE. THE US HAS BEEN A VIGOROUS SUPPORTER OF THIS PROGRAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION.
- 3. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REVEAL THAT EXPORT OF AN OCR (ECRM 5300) WOULD REQUIRE A COCOM EXCEPTION. COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN EXPORTED TO BLOC COUNTRIES IN THE PAST. THEREFORE, THE PURCHASE BY THE AGENCY OF THIS MACHINE AND ITS SUBSEQUENT LOAN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR THIS END USE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US AUTHORITIES; BUT OF COURSE FINAL DECISION CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL LICENSE APPLICATION IS REVIEWED.
- 4. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 ABOVE TO ZHELUDEV.

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